

Virginia Department of Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Educational Seminar Agenda

May 25 - 28, 2004
Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA

Tuesday, May 25

10:00 – 12:00

VDH ECC Open House

Leslie Pfindel, VDH

Norris Brickhouse, VDH

Objectives:

- Explain the set-up, activation, and operation of the VDH Emergency Communication Center (ECC)
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1:00 – 3:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

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Tom York, Ph.D., DCLS

Jo Ann Jellison, MS, DCLS

Objectives:

- Describe the system DCLS uses to receive samples, perform laboratory tests, and report the results of those tests.
- Discuss specialized safety equipment that DCLS uses to keep workers safe while handling potentially harmful samples and chemicals.
- Review the wide variety of laboratory testing that is performed at DCLS.

AND

Tour of Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)

Lori Hardin, MFS, VDH

- List two functions of the OCME
- Describe role of OCME in an epidemiological investigation

2. ESSENCE

Denise Sockwell, MSPH, VDH

Betty Rouse, VDH

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- Identify key components of the ESSENCE surveillance system
- Identify various data sources utilized in ESSENCE
- Describe types of analysis available through ESSENCE

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Results of Recent Epi Surveys

Julie Plagenhoef, MPH, VDH

Mary Beth White-Russell, RN, CIC, VDH

Objectives:

- Discuss progress in districts toward Focus Area B Objectives
- Discuss how other improvements could be made
- Explain the process and goals of syndromic surveillance, past and future in Virginia
- List the level, types and methods of surveillance for nosocomial infections in Virginia hospitals
- Discuss what VDH should do to conduct nosocomial surveillance at the state level

3. Exercise Planning, Development, & Evaluation

Steve Harrison, VDH

Objectives:

- Identify the overall purposes of exercises
- Identify and define types of exercises
- Explain the planning, development, & evaluation process
- Discuss after-action events and documentation
- Define corrective action plan

AND

Determined Promise '04

Bob Mauskopf, MS, VDH

Objectives:

- Describe the scenario of Exercise Determined Promise (DP) '04
- Identify the Exercise Objectives of Exercise DP'04
- Prepare attendee for participation in Exercise DP'04
- Prepare his/her agency for participation in Exercise DP'04

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Dinner

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The State of EP&R

Lisa Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA, VDH

Objectives:

- Identify the components of the VDH EP&R Program
- Describe the priorities of the EP&R Programs for this present grant year
- Describe future priorities of the Program based on inputs from the CDC, HRSA, DHS, and the Virginia Office of Commonwealth Preparedness

Wednesday, May 26

- 7:15 – 8:00 Registration and Breakfast
- 8:00 – 10:00 **Tabletop Exercise – Roles Switched**
Bob Mauskopf, MS, VDH
 Objectives:
- Describe the EP&R role of at least one other participant within his/her organization
 - Explain the relationship between his/her EP&R role and that of other participants
 - Describe the relationship of similar roles in local, state, and federal counterpart agencies
 - Prepare his/her agency for participation in future tabletop exercises
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:15 **Tabletop Exercise Debrief**
Bob Mauskopf, MS, VDH
 Objectives: *see objectives for Tabletop Exercise*
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Health Department Staff Roles During a Bioterrorism Event**
Presentation and Panel Discussion:
Lisa Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA, VDH
Bob Mauskopf, MS, VDH
Diane Woolard, PhD, MPH, VDH
Jeff Lake, MS, VDH
Terry Hamner, VDH
Bob Hicks, VDH
 Objectives:
- Identify the roles of VDH staff during an emergency event
 - Identify the roles of EP&R staff during an emergency event
 - Describe the linkage of roles of the VDH Central Office with staff roles at the regional and local levels
- 12:30 – 2:00 **Lunch**
- 2:00 – 3:30 **BreakOut Sessions**
- 1. Dealing with Pertussis**
Sandra Sommer, Ph.D., VDH
 Objectives:
- Describe the characteristics of pertussis disease in infants, children, adolescents, & adults
 - Explain the uses of the various laboratory tests in the diagnosis of pertussis
 - Discuss the management of the patient and close contacts when pertussis has been diagnosed
 - Identify recent trends in pertussis disease: describe possible reasons and solutions
- 2. GIS: Overview/Modeling/Planning**
Vince Smith, VDH
 Objectives:
- Describe the VDH GIS Task Force
 - Explain the objectives of the VDH GIS Task Force

3. Risk Communication Workshop

Trina Lee, VDH

Objectives:

- Formulate messages using risk communication principles
- Evaluate message-mapping skills
- Identify the use of a tool for future message mapping

4. Health Directors Meeting

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3:30 – 3:45

Break

3:45 – 4:30

Isolation/Quarantine

Lisa Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA, VDH

Steven D. Gravely, JD, Troutman Sanders LLP

Objectives:

- Identify the different components of the legislation that recently passed the Virginia General Assembly
- Discuss the roles of the Commissioner and others within VDH for isolation and quarantine
- Discuss the process and procedures for establishing isolation and quarantine when voluntary methods are not adequate, as well as the appeals process

4:30 – 5:30

Isabel / Statewide Exercise: Lessons Learned

Mark Levine, MD, MPH VDH

Bill Berthrong, MSHA, VDH

Objectives:

- State the participants of the panel and the processes
- List the key issues raised and a summary of some of the content of the discussions
- Describe the “Next Steps” involved in the Lessons learner process

5:45 – 6:30

Planners Meeting (voluntary)

Epidemiologists Meeting (voluntary)

Thursday, May 27

7:30 – 8:15

Registration and Breakfast

Best Practices Sharing Session: Posters & Displays

Suzi Silverstein, MA, VDH

8:15 – 9:45

CHEMPACK & Other SNS Initiatives

Pam Blair, RN, VDH

Steve Harrison, VDH

Objective:

- Describe the CHEMPACK Project mission and components
- Describe Virginia’s CHEMPACK Project implementation plan and process
- Define CHEMPACK Project requirements and responsibilities
- Describe CHEMPACK Project equipment and supplies
- List the procedure for requesting CHEMPACK supplies
- Describe other SNS initiatives

9:45 – 10:30

National Disaster Management System (NDMS)*Michael P. Bryce, US Public Health Service*

Objectives:

- List the assets within the NDMS that can be used in support of a local jurisdiction
- Describe the mechanism(s) to access the NDMS teams/assets
- Explain the cost sharing requirements of utilization of the NDMS

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 11:15

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): An Overview*Thomas G. Franck, MD, MPH, VDH*

Objectives:

- Explain the importance of PPE as a life-safety issue
- Describe the various levels of PPE and acquire requisite knowledge to choose appropriate PPE for specific scenarios.
- Define the basic requirements of a Respiratory Protection Program

11:15 – 12:15

Breakout Sessions**1. PPE – Train-The-Trainer***Thomas G. Franck, MD, MPH, VDH*

Objectives:

- Demonstrate donning and doffing procedures for basic healthcare PPE
- Demonstrate donning and doffing procedures for Level C PPE, including the 3M Breathe Easy 10 Respirator

2. Special Needs Populations and Shelters*Kevin Pearce, VDH**Nancy Hoffheimer, VDH*

Objectives:

- Identify 3 groups that are special needs populations
- Describe issues involving special needs populations and shelters
- Explain the role of VDH in sheltering special needs populations

3. Surge Capacity

Panel discussion

Lilian Peake, MD, VDH; Bill Berthrong, VDH; Jim Nogle, VDH; Clark Beil, VDH; Dee Pettit, Ph.D., DCLS

Objectives:

- Identify issues involved in surge capacity
- Discuss strategies for building surge capacity

4. Medical Terminology and Chart Reviews*Chris Novak, MD, MPH, VDH**Susan Fischer Davis, MD, VDH*

Objectives:

- Identify the purpose, important components, and strengths and weaknesses of a medical record (chart) as a source of health information
- Review some commonly used medical terms, acronyms, and abbreviations used in medical records
- Discuss methods for efficiently navigating through patient medical records to extract critical data

12:15 – 1:30 **Lunch****Health Directors' Lunch**

1:30 – 3:15

Breakout Sessions**1. Surveillance during DP04 & Specimen Collection***Diane Woolard, Ph.D., VDH**Dee Pettit, Ph.D., DCLS*

Objectives:

- Identify methods of conducting surveillance during mass casualty situations following the releases of a chemical agent
- Describe methods of collection and transportation of specimens for laboratory analysis when biological or chemical terrorism is suspected
- Describe methods of collection and transportation of specimens for laboratory analysis for diseases of public health importance, including enteric and vector borne diseases.

2. Dispensing/Vaccination Sites: Training Templates and Best Practices*Bob Mauskopf, MS, VDH**Susan Murphy, VDH*

Objectives:

- List major components of training templates for volunteer workers at dispensing/vaccination sites
- Describe training process for volunteer workers at dispensing/vaccination sites

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Behavioral Health in a Post-9/11 World*Panel Discussion**Mark L. Dembert, MD, MPH, VDH**Bill Armistead, MPH, Virginia DMHMRSAS**Ruby Brown, Ph.D., Arlington County Behavioral Healthcare Division**Edward M. Kantor, MD, School of Medicine, University of Virginia**John P. Lindstrom, Ph.D., Richmond Behavioral Health Authority**Karen Mann, ACSW, Virginia DMHMRSAS**Mellie Randall, BA, Virginia DMHMRSAS*

Objectives:

- Describe the principles and practice of behavioral health response in the context of disasters.
- Identify organizations and agencies involved in the delivery of behavioral health services and how they inter-relate.

- Explain the special challenges around behavioral health planning and preparedness in the context of disasters.

6:00 – 7:00

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VDH 201

Jeffrey Lake, MS, VDH

Objectives:

- Describe strategies for successfully working with districts to achieve program goals
- Describe lessons learned from programs that have stationed staff in districts
- Identify “dos and don’ts” in working with districts

8:00 – 8:30

Awards

Lisa Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA, VDH

Friday, May 28

7:30 – 8:30

Registration and Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00

Connectivity for Public Health

Leonard J. Marcus, Ph.D. and Barry C. Dorn, MD

Harvard Center for Public Health Preparedness

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Objectives:

- Explain the meaning of Connectivity
- Describe what “silo thinking” is and how to break it down
- Utilize learned skills that foster Connectivity

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 11:45

The Walk in the Woods: Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Strategies for Public Health

Leonard J. Marcus, Ph.D. and Barry C. Dorn, MD

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Objectives:

- Describe Multi-Dimensional problem solving
- Explain a problem solving methodology
- Demonstrate the ability to apply “The Walk in the Woods” methodology

11:45 – 12:15

Closing Remarks

Lisa Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA, VDH

12:15

Box Lunches
